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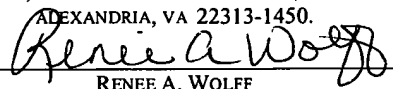
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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication responds to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 7, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire on July 7, 2006. It is respectfully submitted that this reply is timely filed within the shortened statutory period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicants hereby request an extension for such additional time period and authorize the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

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